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UOG Fieldhouse Vaccination Clinic to Close July 31;
DPHSS to Expand Vaccination Efforts in August and September as it Kicks off
"National Immunization Awareness Month"

The COVID-19 vaccination clinic operating at the University of Guam (UOG) Fieldhouse will be closing on July 31, 2021. The community is encouraged to schedule appointments now through tinyurl.com/vaxguam or visit the UOG clinic as a walk-in by or before July 31, especially those who are due their second dose.

COVID-19 vaccination clinics will still be available to the community through expanded efforts by the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS). DPHSS announces this effort as it kicks off National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) in August. The annual observance highlights the importance of vaccination for people of all ages.

"August is the ideal month to keep up the momentum of our commitment to safeguard our community's health by reminding people to make vaccinations a priority for both students and adults," said DPHSS Director Art San Agustin. "Our goal is to educate and encourage our residents who are yet to receive their free COVID-19 shots," said San Agustin.

The expanded options operated by DPHSS will run through August and September, 2021 at the Community Health Centers (CHC) in Dededo and Inalåhan and Micronesia Mall. Residents continue to have the option to visit their private clinics and pharmacies who are enrolled providers of the COVID-19 vaccine to get there COVID-19 shots, as well as to request for homebound visits for the COVID-19 vaccination. For a list of updated locations and schedule, please visit dphss.guam.gov/vaccinateGU.

DPHSS reminds residents that the federal government purchased the vaccines and these COVID-19 vaccines are provided to patients at no cost. Residents are advised not to pay any out-of-pocket expenses for the COVID-19 vaccine.

The <u>COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna</u> require two doses. Residents will need a follow-up dose to be effectively immunized. The recommended second-dose date is three

weeks or 21 days after a first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, and four weeks or 28 days for Moderna. Further, CDC says an interval of up to six weeks is acceptable. The Johnson and Johnson/Janssen is a one-dose vaccine to be fully immunized.

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